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FM AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

TO MARSECURITYGDBN WASHDC

INFO AMEMBASSY TRUSSELS

SECSTATE WASHDC 4173

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MSGBN FOR CO; STATE FOR A/SY/FO; BRUSSELS FOR RSO/NCOIC MSG DET

A. BRUSSELS 004818 (DTG 141009Z MAY 76) (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. PRESENT MARINE HOUSE BRUSSELS TOTALLY INADEQUATE FOR 20-MAN DET. EMBASSY HAS EXAMINED IN DETAIL VARIOUS COURSES OF ACTIONS FOR SOLUTION DURING PAST YEAR, WITH PRIMARY FOCUS UPON UNIQUE PACKAGE TO HAVE LOCAL INTERPRENEUR/BANK/CONTRACTOR TEAM BUILD A FINE MARINE HOUSE AND LEASE IT TO THE EMBASSY. NCOIC BRUSSELS MSG DET BRIEFED ME AT MY HQ FRANKFURT 21 MAY 76 ON THE SCOPE/STATUS OF THE PROJECT. I UNDERSTAND EMBASSY NOW AWAITING APPROVAL FROM STATE OF EMBASSY REQUEST CONT REF A. POST REQUESTED DEPT REPLY AND FUNDING AUTHORIZATION BY 20 MAY FOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR LAND TO BE COMPLETED BETWEEN COMMUNE OF EVERE, UFF AND EMBASSY, AND IN TIME FOR LEASE TO TAKE EFFECT JUNE 28, \$74 :7443,5
*8 :-) 63-4. UNDERSTAND THAT SOME DOUBT EXISTS AS TO WHETHER STATE WILL GIVE THEIR BLESSING TO THIS PROJECT.

2. FROM MY KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PROJECT I BELIEVE THAT THIS SOLUTION IS THE BEST OF THE COURSES OF ACTION EXAMINED BY BRUSSELS EMBASSY. I FULLY SUPPORT IT, AND DO NOT WISH TO SEE ANY UNSAT SITUATION FOR OUR MARINES IN BRUSSELS DRAG ON ANY LONGER. NCOIC INFORMS ME THAT AMONG MANY OTHER FACTORS WRONG WITH OLD MARINE HOUSE IS NEIGHBOR PROBLEMS IN ROW HOUSING ARRANGEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE I WAS CONDUCTING THE PFT FOR THIS DET DUR SEMI-ANN INSPECTION LAST FALL A NEIGHBOR LADY THREW A BOTTLE FROM
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HER 3RD FLOOR BALCONY THAT CRASHED NEAR ME AND MY 20

MARINES.

4. RECOMMEND MSGBN CONTACT STATE TO PROVIDE USMC CONCERN
AND FULL SUPPORT TO THE NEW MARINE HOUSE AND INQUIRE TO
THE STATUS OF THE PROJECT.

5. FURTHER RECOMMEND SUBJECT BE ADDED TO THE DISCUSSION
TOPIC LIST OF COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS FOR HIS VISIT
TO BRUSSELS NEXT MONTH.

6. CO, CO "A" LTCOL LAYER SENDS.BLAKE

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